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WEATHER SUMMARY

THE TEMPERATURES WERE NEAR NORMAL IN MOST AREAS. THE COLDEST TEMPERATURES WERE IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STATE. LIGHT PRECIPITATION MOVE IN STARTING WEDNESDAY INCREASING THROUGH THE WEEK. SNOW IN THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN MOUNTAINS.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - FEBRUARY 18 - 24, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 02/18 02/24	Month 02/01 02/24	Accum. 2008	Normal Feb	Normal Jan-Feb
Farmington	37.2	50	23	0.13	0.75	1.96	0.57	1.16
Gallup	36.8	52	22	0.17	0.53	2.50	0.74	1.54
Capulin	32.3	63	6	0.00	0.21	0.46	0.56	0.96
Chama	27.9	48	-1	0.78	2.31	5.57	1.58	3.35
Johnson Ranch	33.0	48	17	0.39	0.53	0.93	0.57	1.24
Las Vegas	36.2	61	18	0.00	0.55	0.69	0.48	1.08
Los Alamos	33.8	45	24	0.02	0.49	1.88	0.80	1.66
Raton	36.1	65	14	0.00	0.09	0.26	0.54	1.01
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.22	2.29
Santa Fe	38.3	54	23	0.49	0.80	1.81	0.69	1.32
Clayton	39.9	72	18	0.00	0.25	0.29	0.31	0.55
Clovis	45.7	73	23	1.01	1.01	1.06	0.51	0.90
Roy	38.4	68	19	0.00	0.38	0.39	0.43	0.77
Tucumcari	44.0	75	22	0.02	0.13	0.15	0.45	0.73
Grants	36.5	60	15	0.54	0.99	1.97	0.51	1.00
Quemado	32.3	57	14	0.20	0.77	0.99	0.72	1.55
Albuquerque	41.9	58	25	0.24	0.41	0.80	0.46	0.90
Carrizozo	43.4	66	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.17
Socorro	44.3	71	18	0.00	0.04	0.14	0.39	0.78
Gran Quivira	40.0	63	20	0.31	0.34	0.51	0.82	1.52
Moriarty	37.6	55	18	0.17	0.29	1.06	0.48	0.91
Ruidoso	39.6	61	13	0.04	0.04	1.19	1.16	2.28
Carlsbad	53.4	81	31	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.35	0.70
Roswell	48.4	77	24	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.46	0.89
Tatum	45.0	74	23	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.50	0.89
Alamogordo	48.7	72	23	0.00	0.08	0.20	0.54	1.21
Animas	50.6	72	27	0.00	0.60	0.70	0.51	1.19
Deming	49.0	78	24	0.00	0.24	0.42	0.46	1.02
Las Cruces	49.6	75	29	0.00	0.17	0.17	0.37	0.83
T or C	49.3	75	27	0.00	0.02	0.11	0.38	0.84

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in New Mexico feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 160,000 on February 1, 2008 remaining steady with the previous month but 25,000 above the February 1, 2007 total. Placements decreased by 10,000 head from December 2007 to a total of 16,000 head in January. Marketings were up 2,000 head to 15,000. Other disappearance for the January totaled 1,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on February 1, 2008. The inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2007 but 1 percent below February 1, 2006. This is the second highest February 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million, 6 percent above 2007 but 19 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 467,000, 700-799 pounds were 525,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 395,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.86 million, 1 percent above 2007 and 3 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during January, 38 percent below 2007 and 28 percent below 2006.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	2/1/07	1/1/08	2/1/08	-----DURING-----								
				1/07	12/07	1/08	1/07	12/07	1/08	1/07	12/07	1/08
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	334	368	373	33	26	35	32	24	29	1	1	1
CA	540	560	555	64	67	76	72	60	72	2	2	9
CO	1,040	1,100	1,090	155	170	180	200	135	185	15	5	5
ID	255	235	235	43	39	43	47	42	42	1	2	1
IA	530	570	570	76	71	72	64	69	69	2	2	3
KS	2,430	2,480	2,430	365	385	405	445	390	445	30	15	10
NE	2,540	2,530	2,510	420	355	380	405	335	390	15	10	10
NM	135	160	160	8	26	16	8	13	15	1	2	1
OK	350	350	355	50	44	54	48	37	47	2	2	2
SD	230	230	230	50	50	45	42	33	43	3	2	2
TX	2,800	2,960	2,930	340	380	400	390	420	420	20	10	10
WA	177	164	153	27	25	27	33	28	36	1	1	2
Oth Sts	365	390	375	59	63	54	55	59	65	4	4	4
US	11,726	12,097	11,966	1,690	1,701	1,787	1,841	1,645	1,858	97	58	60

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Crop Values: Summary by Selected States and U.S., 2006-2007

State	2006				2007			
	Field & Misc Crops	Fruits & Nuts	Commercial Vegetables	Total Value of Principal Crops	Field & Misc Crops	Fruits & Nuts	Commercial Vegetables	Total Value of Principal Crops
	-----1,000 Dollars-----							
AZ	544,474	76,819	726,059	1,347,352	625,332	103,237	903,925	1,632,494
CA	2,965,236	10,298,995	6,286,401	19,550,632	3,648,861	10,464,648	6,765,336	20,878,845
CO	1,491,896	21,895	119,012	1,632,803	2,171,177	22,230	84,234	2,277,641
ID	2,304,335	22,132	80,253	2,406,720	2,690,759	20,464	30,495	2,741,718
KS	4,219,835	2,600	---	4,222,435	6,258,635	450	---	6,259,085
MO	3,461,429	21,041	15,593	3,498,063	4,956,453	2,966	11,118	4,970,537
MT	1,264,006	1,071	---	1,265,077	1,851,064	3,278	---	1,854,342
NV	222,657	---	35,005	257,662	264,893	---	33,782	298,675
NM	327,041	85,100	85,572	497,713	421,970	88,750	96,290	607,010
ND	3,685,321	---	---	3,685,321	6,459,886	---	---	6,459,886
OK	964,274	24,170	3,104	991,548	1,676,539	25,431	5,912	1,707,882
SD	2,491,692	---	---	2,491,692	5,286,936	---	---	5,286,936
TX	3,984,246	154,285	287,299	4,425,830	7,999,959	150,504	350,501	8,500,964
UT	306,095	16,989	6,090	329,174	425,836	14,104	4,508	444,448
WY	316,359	---	---	316,359	375,857	---	---	375,857
Oth Sts	65,144,883	6,246,684	4,422,383	75,814,950	87,295,322	6,957,585	4,228,719	98,481,623
U.S.	93,693,779	16,971,781	12,066,771	122,732,331	132,409,479	17,853,647	12,514,820	162,777,946

CROP VALUES

NEW MEXICO: The total value of production for principal crops in New Mexico increased by 22.0% from the total value in 2006 of \$498 million to the 2007 value of \$607 million. For the entire U.S., the total value of principal crops increased by 32.6% for the same time period. For New Mexico, all crops showed an increasing value of production from 2006 to 2007 with the exception of Peanuts and Pima cotton.

Value of Production: Selected Crops, New Mexico and U.S., 2006 – 2007

Commodity	New Mexico					United States			
	Unit	Price Per Unit		Value of Production		Price Per Unit		Value of Production	
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
		-----Dollars-----		-----\$1,000-----		-----Dollars-----		-----\$1,000-----	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	3.70	4.45	30,803	42,831	3.04	4.00	32,094,586	52,090,108
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	5.65	6.80	6,644	11,424	5.88	6.95	885,394	1,950,936
All Wheat	Bu.	4.55	5.50	17,472	42,900	4.26	6.65	7,710,014	13,669,482
Peanuts	Lb.	.185	.201	7,992	7,035	.177	.204	612,798	762,646
Cottonseed	Ton	173.00	183.00	6,920	7,686	111.0	160.0	814,151	1,060,760
Upland Cotton ^{1/}	Lb.	.482	.630	21,516	32,659	.465	.535	4,666,741	4,801,913
A-P Cotton	Lb.	.866	.960	8,314	5,069	.943	.997	346,497	394,775
Alfalfa Hay ^{2/}	Ton	166.00	166.00	186,252	224,432	113.00	138.00	7,668,870	8,972,483
Other Hay ^{2/}	Ton	138.0	136.00	22,356	26,928	103.00	120.00	6,122,537	7,988,453
All Potatoes ^{3/}	Cwt.	6.50	7.00	13,650	13,986	7.33	7.12	3,225,871	3,197,746

^{1/} Value of Production based on 480-lb. net weight bale. ^{2/} Baled hay. ^{3/} The value of production is the sum of the value of production of the seasonal groups.